

Frederick Ward Associates, Inc.

Community Input Meeting

Norrisville Recreation Center

Project No. 2081176.00

DATE: April 28, 2009

TIME: 6:30 pm

LOCATION: Norrisville Library and Community Center
5310 Norrisville Road
White Hall, Maryland 21161

PRESENT: *See Sign-in Sheet*

PURPOSE: The purpose of the meeting is to present the Norrisville Recreation Center project to the Community and answer any questions the public may have regarding this development.

PROCEEDINGS:

The meeting was opened at approximately 6:38 PM by Mr. Dave Goodwin providing a brief introduction of the presenters. Mr. Small then gave a description of the CIM, development process and description of the subject site plan.

The narrative included the following:

- Site Location and surrounding development
- Introduction – Purpose of the project
- Break down description of the different concept plan features which were touched on by all presenters
- Renderings, aerial photography, building type examples, and a power point were used during the presentation

DISCUSSION

Mr. Dave Goodwin gave a brief introduction of the process and stated that the next opportunity for community input would be the Development Advisory Committee (DAC) meeting.

The meeting was turned over to Kevin Small, Frederick Ward Associates to give overview of concept plan and potential park development. Mr. Small noted that the plan included improved access to the school and a total of 392 parking spaces with



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the proposed fields. The parking is greater than typical due to the existing issues with parking for the existing fields. The proposed design will include a pathway system for ADA access to all of the fields and is accessible for community use. The proposed Highway facility is designed to be located near the rear of the property. Mr. Small introduced Ms. Linda Rickey to talk about the highway shop/storage facility. Ms. Rickey explained that the salt storage facility would resemble a barn structure in keeping with the rural nature of the community, rather than using a traditional dome structure. This facility will be used only during snow events or other major weather events. Mr. Tom Hilton was introduced to discuss the relocation of the oil and antifreeze recycling facility.

Comments and Concerns were then addressed as follows:

- Residents expressed concern about the potential for salt leakage into the ground or surface water. They felt that Pre & Post testing should be required for leaching into water supply. Ms. Rickey discussed the foundation which would be installed to prevent this type of problem.
- Residents addressed concerns about hauling to and from the maintenance facility. Ms. Rickey assured the residents that we make every effort to contain any spillage and that hauling to and from the facility is limited only to snow/ice events, and the refilling of the facility which takes place immediately after an event.
- One citizen said that she relies on the streams and ground water of this area for her well and as a source of water for her animals. She wanted to know how parking lot drainage, which includes drainage from the salt dome area, was going to be dealt with. Mr. Small said the regulations are changing and becoming more stringent with mitigation and water quality requirements. The idea is to have multiple smaller systems that will catch/clean most of the impurities that might be found in the water. However, not everything can or will be caught.
- SWM will be designed to meet the new regulations.
- Several persons expressed the opinion that an Environmental Impact Statement should be done. Mr. Small explained that a formal Environmental Impact Statement is only done for large scale projects and would not be needed for this project. Standards for environmental protection of wetlands and forest areas will apply to this project.
- What is next step? Will we be able to see the development plans after this meeting? Kathleen Brown has asked for future meetings to present plans before going to bid. DAC would be the next step for review. Ms. Rickey and



Arden McClune indicated that they are agreed to attend future meetings of the Jarrettsville/Norrisville Community Council to keep the residents apprised of the status. Construction will not occur for 3 years or so due to funding constraints for both Parks and Recreation and Highways.

- Will there be lights? Ms. McClune indicated that some lighting of parking areas will be needed for safety and to prevent night time activities.
- Will fields be lighted? Ms. McClune indicated not the ball diamond; but one or two of the center fields may be lighted in the future. Field lights are not planned at this time.
- Who will police the area to keep trespassers off the site when the park is closed? All of the recreation facilities have posted hours, dawn to dusk. If we need to, the police department will patrol the area
- Will there be a traffic light at intersection – traffic study does not warrant a light; Mr. Small explained volume study and how it determines the need for light. Several citizens expressed concern about the proposed four way intersection. The citizens said that the speeds along Norrisville Road are frequently high. Other citizens were against the idea of putting any sort of traffic signal at the newly proposed intersection
- Is the highway shop planned to be manned – not at this time? Linda Rickey indicated that a seasonal operation would be all that is anticipated for the foreseeable future.
- Mr. Darrell Comer expressed his thoughts that the maintenance facility should be a full fledged manned facility. Mr. Comer felt that the northern end of the county had been left out for many years.
- What will be the material for the pathway? The material could be stone dust or asphalt; will be at least 6' wide and ADA accessible
- Will there be fencing for the adjoining properties? It is possible and trees will be offered as an option as well
- Move restroom facility to the back parking lot for convenience. Ms. McClune noted that the location of the restroom close to the road improves visibility and discourages vandalism.
- Have you considered storage with the proposed restroom building due to lack of storage on site? Ms. McClune noted that the proposed restroom would be a restroom/storage building similar to those at other parks.



- Mr. Tom Hilton discussed the waste oil and antifreeze recycling; different designs in that all tanks are enclosed with fill tubes outside enclosure. He suggested the Jarrettsville Shop location as one to look at for comparison.
- What is the schedule for this project? The project is at least 3 years out for construction.
- Several residents expressed concern regarding the number of fields. Arden McClune noted that Parks and Recreation had requested an overall plan for the entire property, but planned to phase development. The priority would be the construction of the parking lot to serve the existing fields and two or three of the proposed soccer fields. The initial phase may include only a portion of the front parking lot. The ball diamond shown towards Jolly Acres Road would most likely not be developed.
- In response to the concern about the overall scale of the project, one citizen said "I don't know whether you realize this or not, but we have new communities that have been built in this area such as Timber Ridge. The children up there are young, but soon they will need a place to play. So this project is necessary. I don't necessarily agree with the scale, but the project is needed."
- One citizen stated "The community has grown and the number of children has grown. We do need a place for these children to play. Currently we have many kids going over to the Jarrettsville Recreation Council. The Jarrettsville Recreation Council is over crowded. This project is needed."
- Ms. Huffman asked "how long has the community known about this project? Everyone here seems to have information on storm water management and seems to have known about this project long before we ever have." Arden McClune responded by telling Ms. Huffman that property was purchased by the county about 2 years ago. At that time community members called us asking what our plans were for the property. It was just recently that notices were posted in the newspaper to bring the community together to discuss these project ideas. Last month we did attend the Norrisville Jarrettsville Community Council and present this project to them. The council meetings are always open to everyone in the community.
- One resident said "we moved here we were told how this county prides itself in Agricultural Preservation. We were told that this land was in Agricultural Preservation and would never be developed. Our suggestion is to through out this project and plant corn. This project is ridiculous and over zealous."



- Ms. Huffman expressed opposition to the project entirely as they had recently moved to the area for the rural nature. Others present expressed support for additional fields but not as many as shown.
- A few attendees were concerned that no adult activities were planned with this design. They would like to see more volleyball and tennis courts added in the design.
- Attendees wanted to know how they could get copies of the plans. Arden McClune informed them that they could be purchased at a small fee from Harford County Planning and Zoning. She also informed the citizens that they could take her business card and she could send them a CD with the project on it when she had copies of the plans.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 p.m.

This report represents the Planner's Summation of the proceedings and is not a transcript although an attempt was made to document/summarize what was said in dialogue fashion.

Submitted by:

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Enclosure



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PROJECT: Norrisville Parks & Rec.
DATE: 4.28-09
YOUR NAME: Huffman

Stand opposed to entire project;
most specifically # of fields + size
of project overall.

I am 100% against lights

Support idea of trail

I Live at the Parcel known as P257

MICHAEL HUFFMAN

I DEMAND not only a tree buffer
BUT A FENCE AS WELL!

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Frederick Ward Associates

PROJECT: HORRISVILLE

DATE: 4.28.09

YOUR NAME: Katherine A. Adams

Salt runoff - pre/post
SWIM POND - SURGE IN STREAMS.

Michael K. Lumsden
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April 20, 2009

David Goodwin
Harford County Dept. of Parks and Recreation
702 N. Tollgate Road
Bel Air, MD. 21014

RE: PROPOSED PARK AND HIGHWAY SNOW REMOVAL
FACILITY ON NORRISVILLE ROAD

Dear Mr. Goodwin:

I am the owner of the 96 acre farm on the East side of Norrisville Road (2663 Harkins Road), and I'm writing to express my concerns over the proposed development of the land south of Norrisville Elementary School. The proposal, as spelled out in your letter, calls for creating four soccer fields, one baseball diamond, 400 parking spaces, playgrounds, pavilion, comfort station, walking trail, and salt storage facility. Combined with the existing facilities behind Norrisville Elementary School, this sports complex will make Ripkin Stadium look small in comparison.

This development is more then the Norrisville community was led to believe was the County's intention when the property was purchased; certainly more then Norrisville Elementary School needs to satisfy the athletic activities of its students. This size facility was clearly designed to support the needs of many nearby schools, and it is unfair to expect the Norrisville community to absorb the increased trash, traffic, and noise that would inevitably result from this development. Moreover, it is hypocritical of the Harford County Government to say it wants to preserve farmland, through the Agricultural Preservation Program, and then buy a 40 acre farm for future development. Surely the needs of the local community, as well as the salt storage facility can be met without using the entire 40 acres. I'm sure there are local farmers who would be happy to lease part of the land for farming.

I respectfully ask that my opinions expressed in this letter be considered along with the community input meeting as the proposed park and storage facility development is debated.

Respectfully,



Michael K. Lumsden

RE: Community Input Meeting

Monday, April 27, 2009 8:31 AM

From: "Michael Hood" <mhood@sgmcorp.com>

To: "Edward Stoecker" <ebstoecker@yahoo.com>

Brian,

As things seem to go this spring I won't be able to make the meeting tomorrow night, but I did have one concern.....Putting the salt barn or dome back so far on the property near the woods and stream. I am not as concerned as other about having the dome in the site line of the road and school as I am about having all of those trucks driving in and out throughout the winter creating runoff that could have an adverse impact on the surrounding stream and forest area.

thanks.

mike hood